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Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed.

Patent Document No. EP 0363 887 and article entitled "Hightech Durchströmtrocknung für Tissue" are each discussed in the specification of the present application.

German Patent Document DE 26 40 530 discloses a cylinder – preferably a screen drum – for the continuous treatment of a web-type textile material consisting entirely or partially of synthetic fibers; but also for the treatment of non-woven fabrics consisting of loose fibers, paper or similar materials, preferably with gases or liquids flowing through the material, whereby the cylinder is wrapped by a thin cover, characterized in that the cover consists at least partially of a glass fiber.

German Patent Document DE 44 45 471 discloses the roller has holes (12), between which are plastic-filled fibre plies (18, 20, 22). With three layers of fibres, the fibres subtend a mutual 60 deg angle. In the holes (12), are internal linings or inserts (14) sealing their edges; they may be tubular. A material with good adhesion to plastic is suitable, or they (1) may be metal. Carbon fibres serve as the reinforcement. In addition to the perforated roller described above, the method of manufacture, is also claimed.

European Patent Document EP 0 315 961 discloses in a permeable screen drum for the preferably thermal treatment of textile material, fleeces, or especially paper, the drum outer surface consists of a honeycomb structure produced from axially aligned and essentially radially extending sheet-metal strips which are non-bent and which have adjacent to them respective sheet-metal strips

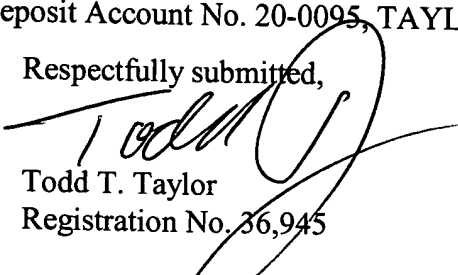
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bent in a zigzag-shaped manner. The connection at the points of contact with the straight sheet-metal strips is made by means of rivets. These rivets can also be replaced by screws. However, the permeable drum can also consist merely of the narrow sheet-metal strips and additional narrow webs. The webs are aligned in the circumferential direction and are part of the connecting elements carrying the screen-like lining and located between the sheet-metal strips. The connecting elements also serving as spacers are made in one piece and connect two adjacent sheet-metal strips. The connection between the spacers and the sheet-metal strips is made by means of screws. The screws can also be headless. The adjacent ends of two screws succeeding one another in the circumferential direction are then screwed into a nut which can itself be surrounded by a suitable connecting element.

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